

Appl. No. 10/807,889
Amdt. Dated September 14, 2005
Reply to Office Action of June 17, 2005

Attorney Docket No. 81864.0037
Customer No. 26021

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 17, 2005. Claims 1-17 and 19-34 remain in this application. Claim 18 is canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 7, 12, 14, 24-29, and 32-34 are the independent Claims. Claim 19-23 and 30 have been amended. It is believed that no new matter is involved in the amendments or arguments presented herein. Reconsideration and entrance of the amendment in the application are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1-17, 24-29, 32, and 33 were allowed. In addition, Claims 20, 30, and 31 were indicated to be allowable if re-written to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner and formally recognizes the allowed claims and the allowable subject matter of Claims 20, 30, and 31.

Art-Based Rejections

Claims 18, 19, 22, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over European Patent No. EP 1 164 599 A2 (Shin-Etsu). In response, Claim 18 has been canceled, and Claims 19-23 and 30 have been amended to depend from allowed independent Claim 33.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6809 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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